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In re Patent Application of:

Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont et al.

Application No.: 10/533,848

Filed: May 4, 2005

For: SELECTING ADVERTISEMENT ON A SET

TOP BOX IN A TELEVISION NETWORK

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# PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47(a)

In connection with the Applicant's Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed September 28, 2005, please consider the following petition.

The application lists four inventors: Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont, Olivier Bister, Franck Bachet, and Axel Taldir. We have received a signed Declaration from Olivier Bister executed on November 29, 2005. A copy of the executed Declaration is attached.

However, after a diligent effort, THOMSON, whom the petitioner represents, has been unable to obtain a signed Declaration from Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont, Franck Bachet, and Axel Taldir. As evidenced by the attached Declaration of Isabelle Thibaudeau, who is a person with first-hand knowledge of the factual events outlining attempts to obtain the inventors' signed Declarations, inventors Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont, Franck Bachet, and Axel Taldir are unreachable.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/533,848 Attorney Docket No. 11345/063001; CPT02020

The last known address of Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont is:

22 Rue du General Lederc 92130 Issy les Moulineaux, France.

The last known address of Franck Bachet is:

60 rue du Hamel 78550 Houdan, France.

The last known address of Axel Taldir is:

31 rue Chateaubriand, 91600 Savigny Sur Orge, France.

In light of the petitioner's diligent attempts to obtain the signature of the inventors and, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), the petitioner requests that the referenced application be examined without the signed Declarations of Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont, Franck Bachet, and Axel Taldir.

While we believe that no fee is due with this renewed petition, if any fees are due, please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 11345.063001).

Respectfully submitted,

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# **DECLARATION BY ISABELLE THIBAUDEAU**

- I, Isabelle Thibaudeau, am an employee of THOMSON, and I hold the position of Patent Administration Assistant.
- I am responsible for providing our patent counsel in foreign countries with the necessary
  paperwork to file patent applications on behalf of THOMSON in their respective foreign
  countries.
- 3. In the course of my duties, I attempted to obtain signed Declarations from each of the inventors for U. S. Application Serial No. 10/533,848.
- 4. The last known address of Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont is:
  - 22 Rue du General Lederc 92130 Issy les Moulineaux, France.

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5. I sent a first letter to Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont on May 26, 2005, at her last known address. The first letter included a Declaration and an Assignment. I received confirmation that the first letter was received at Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont's last known address (See TAB 1).

- 6. I subsequently received the unopened first letter. On the envelope, there was a stamp indicating that Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont no longer resided at the last known address (See TAB 1).
- 7. I sent a second letter, including the Application as filed with the USPTO, the Declaration and the Assignment, on October 19, 2005, to Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont at her last known address. I received confirmation that the second letter was received at Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont's last known address (See TAB 1).
- I subsequently received the unopened second letter. On the envelope, there was a stamp indicating that Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont no longer resided at the last known address (See TAB 1).
- 9. The last known address of Franck Bachet is:60 rue du Hamel 78550 Houdan, France
- 10. I sent a first letter to Franck Bachet on May 26, 2005, at a previously known address.
  The first letter included a Declaration and an Assignment. I received confirmation that the first letter was received at Franck Bachet's previously known address (See TAB 2). I received no response from Franck Bachet.
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12. I subsequently received the unopened second letter (See TAB 2).

13. The last known address of Axel Taldir is:

31 rue Chateaubriand, 91600 Savigny Sur Orge, France.

14. I sent a first letter to Axel Taldir on May 26, 2005, at his last known address. The first

letter included a Declaration and an Assignment. I received confirmation that the first

letter was received at Axel Taldir's last known address (See TAB 3). I received no

response from Axel Taldir.

15. I sent a second letter on October 19, 2005, including the Application as filed with the

USPTO, the Declaration and the Assignment to Axel Taldir. I received confirmation that

the second letter was received at Axel Taldir's last known address (See TAB 3). I

received no response from Axel Taldir.

16. I have not received any forwarding address information or any other contact information

for Hélène Bouilloux-Lafont, Franck Bachet, or Axel Taldir.

I, Isabelle Thibaudeau, hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own

knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful

false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under

Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may

jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon

Signed this day 23, of January 256.

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Boulogne le 26 mai 2005 IC/05-073

Lettre Recommandée avec A/R

N/Ref: CPT02020

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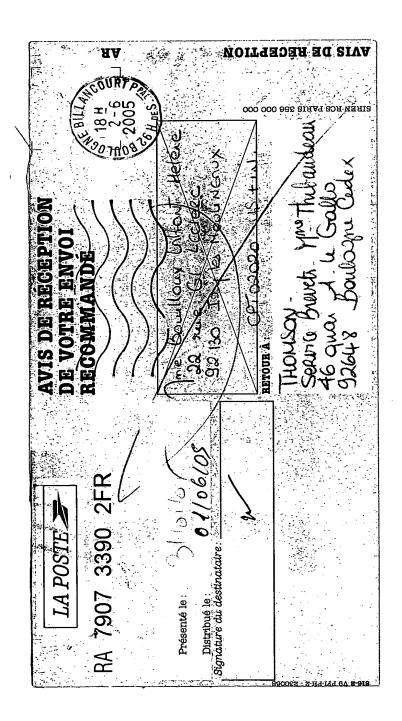
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**O/Ref**: CPT02020 US

Re.:

**US PATENT APPLICATION N° 10/533,848** 

**Title:** SELECTING ADVERTISEMENT ON A SET TOP BOX IN A TELEVISION NETWORK **Inventors:** Franck BACHET, Hélène BOUILLOUX-LAFFONT, Axel TALDIR, Olivier BISTER

Dear Madam,

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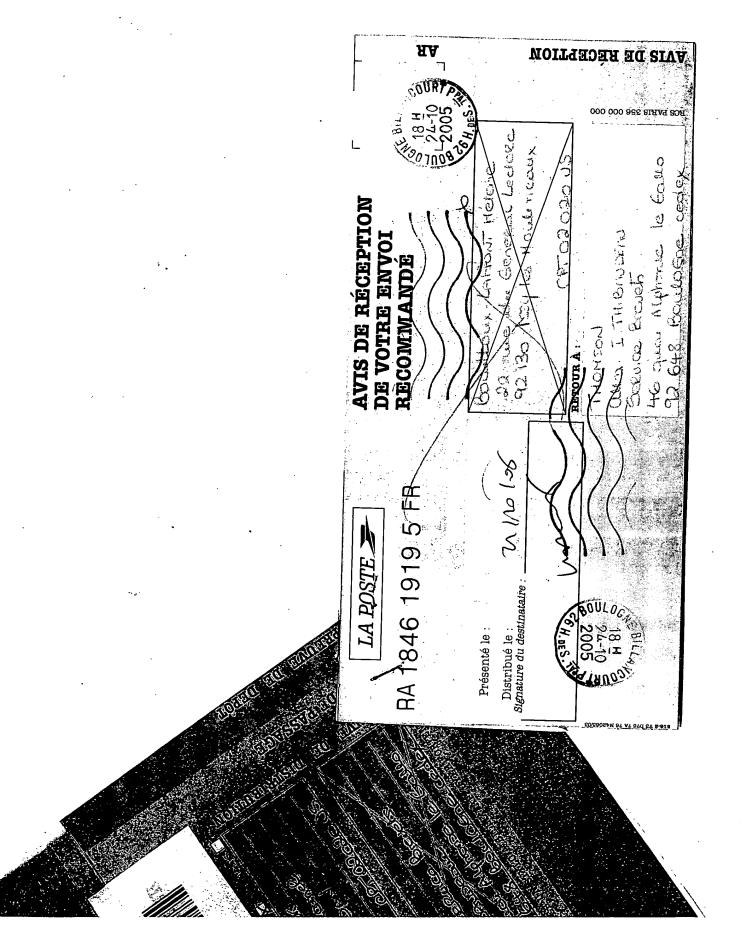
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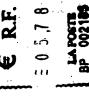
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Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, we remain

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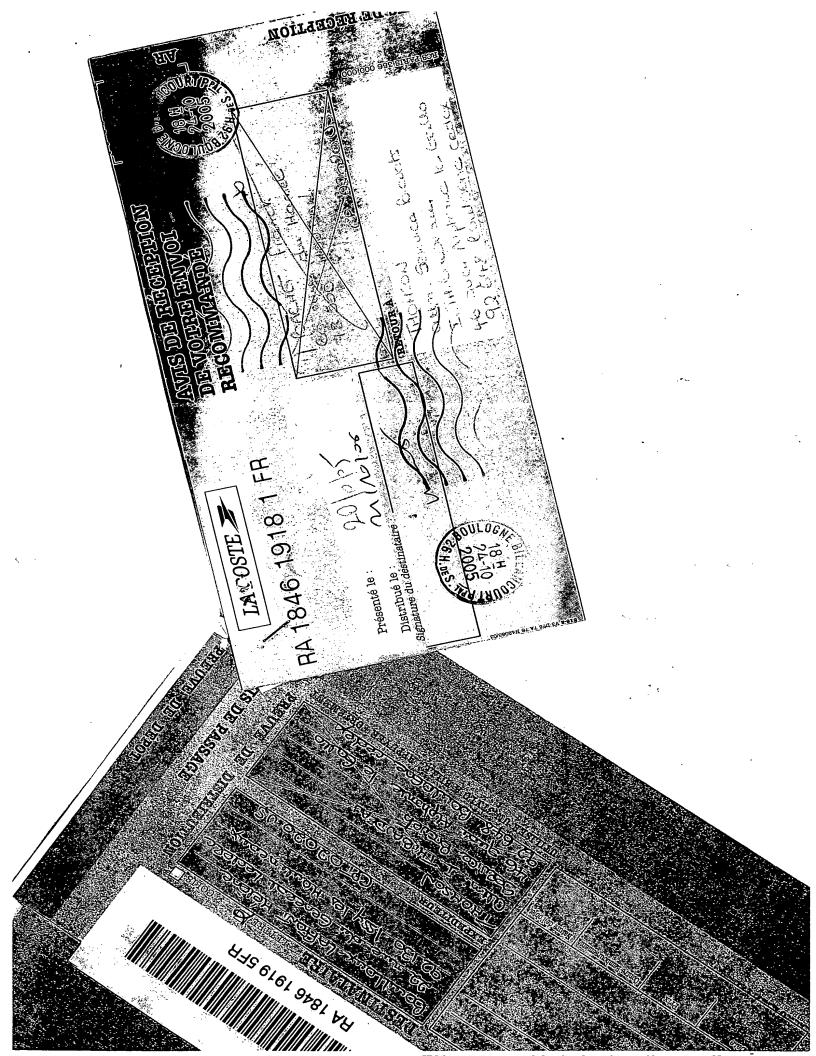
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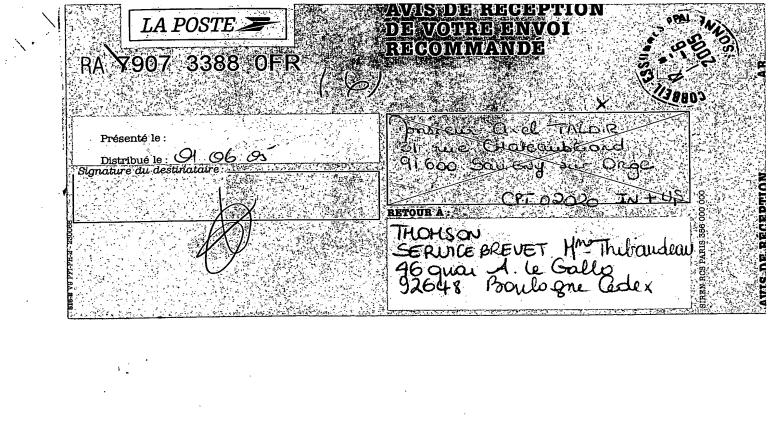
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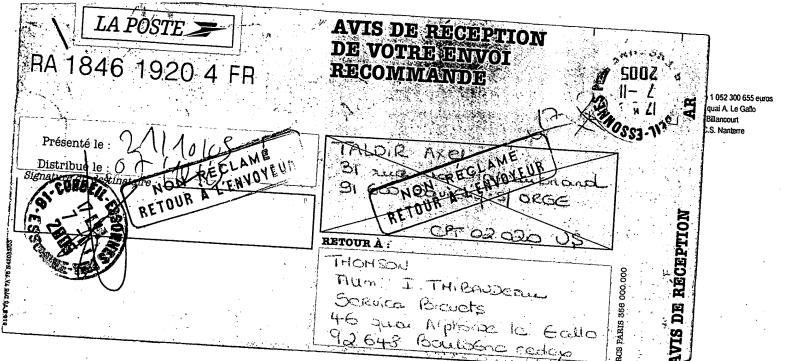
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